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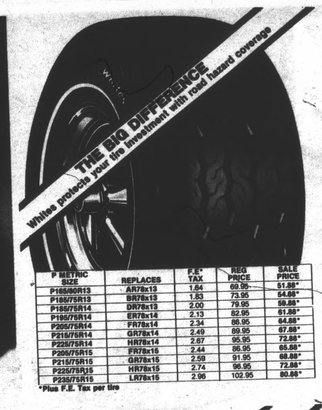

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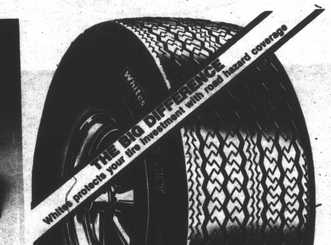

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Local cable-TV system expansion is underway

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Things are looking good for cable television in Appomattox as expansion gets underway with 60,000 feet of cable already in Appomattox and in the process of being hung.

"Appomattox Cable Television, Inc. will be doing expansion in and around Appomattox as quickly as telephone and power companies give clearance on poles to accomodate the cable company," said Vic Bosiger, vice-president of Nesbe Cable/Satellite Communications.

"Dave Higgins of VEPCO and Hunter Pultz of Continental Telephone Co. have been most accomodating," said Jimmy Foster, spokesman for Nesbe. "They have allowed us to go ahead and attach to poles on which we have proper clearance so that we can give service to some areas sooner than expected. Other areas will be serviced as soon as clearance is made. We have retained Harry L. Tomlin and Russell Williams, construction contractors to hang cable as soon as possible in and around Appomattox."

Appomattox Cable TV, Inc. is owned and operated by Nesbe Cable/Satellite which in turn is owned by Bahakel Broadcasting with headquarters if Charlotte, N.C. Bahakel Enterprises encompass radio and television stations, cable companies, an MDS Pay-TV System, real estate investments and satellite services.

Bahakel Broadcasting started in 1947 when Cy Bahakel, president, bought his first radio station. He now owns seven television stations, the maximum number allowed by the Federal Communications Commission; six AM radio stations which is one short of the FCC limit; and five FM radio stations, two below the FCC ceiling.

Bahakel Broadcasting has been built on a tradition of innovation in communications and excellence in technology and engineering.

By striving for technical excellence and innovation, the company has emerged as one of the largest and most successful privately held broadcast groups in the country.

Nesbe Cable/Satellite Communications was formed in early 1982 when Bahakel entered the cable industry as a Multiple System Operator.

"I'm happy we have cable TV service in Appomattox," said Mayor Ronald Spiggle. "For our size area we have as good a system going as anybody. They offer something for everyone; most people are generally pleased with reception and service. Most complaints are from individuals who aren't getting service to their homes quickly enough," Spiggle continued.

"We have to stop and realize that when Appomattox Cable TV, Inc. took over they also took over some problems from the other company. As times goes by the problems will be worked out quickly," Spiggle concluded.

Long-Term Elderly Care

H.W. COLEMAN, Jr., chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, and fellow board members J. Franklin Vaughan and Dr. S.R. Lawson Monday afternoon granted approval to the county's Long-Term Care Plan. Virginia Babcock, director of the county Department of Social Services, looks on as the Supervisors sign the document. Appomattox County is one of the first counties in the state to complete its plan, as mandated by the General Assembly. The plan is aimed at helping elderly citizens retain their independence, and keeping them out of institutions as long as possible. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Ray Carson recalls Concord community's past

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

"Concord means 'pleasant' and that's exactly how it is in our community, said C. R. (Ray) Carson who lives in Concord on the same land on which he was born and reared.

Carson and his wife, the former Charlean Light of Lynchburg, love to travel. In fact they have visited every state in the Union, traveled to Bermuda, Canada, Nassau and have been to Europe three times.

"We love to travel," said Carson, "but we're always glad to get home. Concord is the best. In fact, you'll find a Concord almost everywhere you go. In France, the largest public square is named Concorde."

"The best part about Concord is that we have no politicians," said Carson with a laugh. "And" he continued, "we have no really rich people who own all the land and try to tell you what to do. We do as we please!"

Carson, who is 81 years young, remembers when the railroad came through Concord.

"You know," commented Carson, "the original plan was to have the railroad stop at Concord. The grades were too steep between Concord and Lynchburg. In fact, there were six reverse curves between Concord and Six-Mile Bridge. Because of the plan to stop the railroad there, two Lynchburg businessmen, Bell and Guggenheimer bought lots across the road from our house on which to build warehouses."

"They planned to bring merchandise by train from Norfolk as far as Concord and store it in the warehouses and then take it into Lynchburg by horse and wagon or

C.R. (Ray) Carson

carriage as they needed it" said Carson.

"It just so happened that while the men were working on the railroad just before they reached the Concord area, the engineers figured out a way to handle the problems of the steep grades and curves and as a result the railroad continued not only to Lynchburg but on to West Virginia."

"By the way, did you know that in 1776 Concord was in Bedford County?" asked Carson. "Bedford named the little village Concord after the Battle of Concord in Mass. In 1888 it was Concord Depot and the name remained until 1940 when the Depot was dropped and the name became Concord."

Carson, who attended school in Concord, "just a little piece down the road, from where he lives as a child, completed the two years of high school offered at Concord. After finishing there he went on to E. C. Glass in Lynchburg. However, he did not graduate; he quit school approximately six months before graduation.

"Math was really the only subject that I liked," said Carson with a smile. "I went to work making $12.00 a week after school and by the end of the summer, I was making $125 a month. I thought I had it made! I was working for Harris Wooson Co. In Lynchburg in the shipping department."

Carson and his wife were married in 1926. They lived in Lynchburg for approximately one year after their marriage. Then they went to Statesville, N. C. for about a year. In 1930 they came back to Concord and opened a grocery store in a building that had been built in 1880 for a drug store. It had been run by the late T. W. Evans, druggist.

Today Carson's Store is owned by one of Carson's two sons, James Franklin Carson who is an engineer with Babcock and Wilcox in Lynchburg. The other son, C. R. Carson Jr. is a mail carrier.

"There are customers still dealing with Carson's Store today that began doing busines with me in 1930," smiled Carson.

"You know," said Carson, "when I opened the store I went to work at 6 a.m. and stayed there until 10 p.m. My wife brought my lunch and dinner over or else I hurried over to the house and ate quickly. I worked there by myself for 20 years," he added.

"I remember quite well, eggs were eight cents a dozen; work shoes were $2.50 and overalls were $1.49. A 24 pound sack of flour cost 45 cents. he said.

"We took in a lot of butter and eggs and live chickens on trade from our customers. A man picked them up each week and took them to Baltimore. He would also tell us one week what he would be paying the next week so that we could make our trades accordingly," smiled Carson.

The Carsons have a lot to keep them busy; Mrs. Carson taught music in the community for over forty years and still serves as church organist. They enjoy traveling and playing bridge.

The spacious lawn of the Carson home, both back and front, is filled with English boxwood.

"I rooted every one of those boxwood from the original shrubs that are growing on the old home site which is next door to our home," said Carson. "One of the old boxwoods is over 100 years old."

Carson is a member of the Board of Directors for Patrick Henry Boys Home, a member of the Concord Ruritan Club...he's been attending regularly for 34 years. He is a member of Reedy Spring Masons Lodge No. 203. He holds the only 60 year pen that has been given out in that lodge in the past 100 years.

"Concord? What do I think of Concord? Why were just part of the land around here. We love it!"

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Wednesday being Ground-Hog Day, I decided to make no plans and just take it in stride. I did, however, look up the word and ran into an assortment of wordage. "The 2nd of February, on which day, it is said, the ground-hog comes out of his hole, and if he sees his shadow goes back again and remains six weeks, which indicates a late spring. If he fails to see his shadow he remains out, and the spring will be early. "Then it said, "see woodchuck." And under woodchuck it said see Marmot. That involved looking up "rodent." And about then I quit and decided, as noted above, to just wait and see. To the best of my knowledge Martha Street has none of above. But I do hear a hoot owl on occasion.

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There is agreement that we need more moisture in the ground and that January was a mild month. At 7 a.m. on my porch was 41 Jan. 11 for a high, and on Jan. 20 was 9 for a low.

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Super Bowl has come and gone and Redskin football fans are on Cloud 9.One John Riggins starred all over the place and a new meaning for Rigginomics is "give me the ball." I think most local football fans were rooting for The Skins. I asked around to find out if any Appomattox fans were in California for the game. Our Vernon Bryant said that his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Bryant, of Lynchburg, were on the thirty yard line. Flew out from Dulles.

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I no longer go fishing, but one of the seed and nursery catalogs I received had an ad for bamboo and the suggestion that you grow your own fishing pole.

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Appomattox Is A Growing Town. Ground broken for a new structure at the Plaza Shopping Center. And, aided by a mild winter, a lot of house painting has been done. All around. Mostly white paint.

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Found a box of vacation trip pictures in my basement and was a reminder that pictures should have the date taken on the back, plus who's who, especially when small children involved.

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Lots of close basketball scores. In an even game, the teams watch the clock and try for the "last shot." ACHS has some excellent players. Nationally I still rank Virginia and North Carolina as one and two in the college ranks. Last I read of Slippery Rock, they downed Alliance 95 to 90.

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Notepad - - say thanks to our volunteer firemen and Rescue Squad members - - - and thanks to the small birds who eat in shifts at my windowside feeder - - - and thanks to you for reading. Seeya.

Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session on Friday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the school board office.

The board will hear a report from the sub-committee authorized to receive quotations and to place an order for 1983 automobile, and hear from groups or individuals who desire to make proposals regarding the 1983-84 budget.

Also on the agenda will be the consideration of bids on three school buses; consideration of curricular changes for the 1983-84 session; and consideration of procurement policy for the School Board.

The meeting is open to the public.

County heart-fund drive starts

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

"Put your money where your heart is, won't you, Appomattox?" This is the plea of Bonnie Herncall, Chairman of the Appomattox County Unit of the American Heart Association.

February has been designated as American Heart Month for Appomattox and county residents are urged to support the 1983 campaign which is being conducted nationally.

The 1983 goal is $6,000. With monies collected here and in other localities, and from other cities and communities all over the nation, American Heart Association will fight America's Number One Killer.

"We need help," said Herncall. "The Homemakers Clubs have consented to take care of collections in the residential areas, but we still need a volunteer for Special Gifts, which includes memorials and gifts in excess of $25.00 We also need someone to take care of collections for the various businesses," she added.

"We are grateful to those individuals and businesses who have consented to help with this year's campaign. Fred Jones has consented to holding a Skate-A-Thon and plans are being made for the event. The Appomatox Middle School will be doing a Rock-A-Thon for the Heart Association. We will keep the public informed on the forthcoming events." said Herncall.

The American Heart Association is a nonprofit, voluntary, health agency supported solely by private contributions and not government tax dollars, whose aim is to reduce early deaths and disability from heart disease, stroke and related disorders. It does this by supporting research, professional and public education and community sservice programs.

Why are more than two million volunteers working so hard in this campaign? So that a child with a hole in his heart can grow up to live a healthy, normal life. So that more than 35 million Americans with high blood pressure can have a fighting chance against heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure.

Did you know that heart disease, stroke, and related disorders kill more Americans than all other causes of death combined? Each year, nearly one million American deaths are attributed to these deaths.

Did you know that of the approximately one million deaths each year from heart disease, stroke, and related disorders that nearly 200,000 occur before retirement age?

So, "Have A Heart, Appomattox!" Give generously when a Heart Fund Volunteer calls on you.

Bonnie Herncall